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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated November 2, 2006.

The pending claims are set forth on pages 2-6 of this paper.

Remarks are set forth on pages 7-13 of this paper.

An Affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 is attached herewith (total 17 pages).